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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5, 10, 15, 18, 23 and 26, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24 and 25 as follows. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Currently amended) In a computer system having a client/server architecture, a method for generating reports based on information in [a] telecommunications provisioning and inventorying databases, the method comprising:

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one of a plurality of servers on a network presenting a user at a client end with a page offering parameters for formulating a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to the server, and scheduling the running and delivery of the first report;

the server presenting the user with a page offering parameters for formulating another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in another particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to another server in the plurality of servers, and scheduling the running and delivery of the other report;

the user selecting parameters upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled; [and]

the user selecting parameters upon which the other report is to be formulated and scheduled; and

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the server interfacing with [the] its corresponding database to retrieve information designated by the selected parameters upon which this first report is to be formulated and scheduled and generating the first report in accordance with the selected parameters.

2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether [the] a report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of the server transmitting a completed report to a display device for display to the user.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further including the step of the server storing a completed report in a memory.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently amended) A plurality of servers for generating reports based on information in a plurality of corresponding telecommunications provisioning and inventorying databases, each database corresponding to a server and storing a particular catalogue of telephone numbers and data regarding those telephone numbers, [the] each server being on a network utilizing a client/server architecture and being operable to:

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communicate with a user at a client end;
present the user with a page offering parameters for formulating a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in the particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in the server's corresponding database, and scheduling the running and delivery of the first report;


present the user with a page offering parameters for formulating another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in another particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to another server in the plurality of servers, and scheduling the running and delivery of the other report;

receive parameters, from the user, upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled; [and]

receive parameters, from the user, upon which the other report is to be formulated and scheduled, and

interface with [the] its corresponding database to retrieve information designated by the selected parameters upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled and generat[ing]e the first report in accordance with the selected parameters.

7. (Currently amended) A server according to claim 6, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether [the] a report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

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8. (Original) A server according to claim 6, wherein the server is further operable to transmit a completed report to a display device for display to the user.

9. (Original) A server according to claim 6, wherein the server is further operable to store a completed report in a memory.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) Computer code running on a server for generating reports based on information in [a] telecommunications provisioning and inventorying databases, the server being on a network utilizing a client/server architecture, the code including:

code for communicating with a user at a client end;
code for presenting the user with a page offering parameters for formulating a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to the server, and scheduling the running and delivery of the first report;

code for presenting the user with a page offering parameters for formulating another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to another server on the network, and scheduling the running and delivery of the other report;

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code for receiving parameters, from the user, upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled; [and]

code for receiving parameter, from the user, upon which the other report is to be formulated and scheduled; and
code for interfacing with the database corresponding to the server to retrieve information designated by the selected parameters upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled and generating the first report in accordance with the selected parameters.

12. (Currently amended) Computer code according to claim 11, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether [the] a report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

13. (Original) Computer code according to claim 11, further comprising code for transmitting a completed report to a display device for display to the user.

14. (Original) Computer code according to claim 11, further comprising code for storing a completed report in a memory.

15. (Cancelled).

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16. (Currently amended) A method of a client ordering and scheduling reports from a server for generating reports based on information in [a] telecommunications provisioning and inventorying databases, the server being on a network utilizing a client/server architecture, the method comprising:

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contacting a network address of the server;
in response to receipt from the server of a page offering a selection of parameters for formulating and scheduling a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to the server, selecting [the] parameters; [and]

in response to receipt from the server of a page offering a selection of parameters for formulating and scheduling another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to another server on the network, selecting parameters;

receiving the first report and the other report in accordance with the scheduling parameters.

17. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 16, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether [the] a report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

18. (Cancelled).

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19. (Currently amended) An apparatus for generating reports based on information in a telecommunications provisioning and inventorying database, the apparatus operating as a server on a network utilizing a client/server architecture, the apparatus comprising:

means for communicating with a user at a client end;

means for presenting the user with a page offering parameters for formulating a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to the server, and scheduling the running and delivery of the first report;

means for presenting the user with a page offering parameters for formulating another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to another server on the network, and scheduling the running and delivery of the other report;

means for receiving parameters, from the user, upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled; [and]

means for receiving parameters, from the user, upon which the other report is to be formulated and scheduled; and

means for interfacing with the database to retrieve information designated by the selected parameters upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled and generating the first report in accordance with the selected parameters.

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20. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether [the] a report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

21. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising means for transmitting a completed report to a display device for display to the user.

22. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising means for storing a completed report in a memory.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently amended) An apparatus, operating as a client on a network having a client/server architecture, for ordering and scheduling reports from a server on the network that generates reports based on information in a telecommunications provisioning and inventorying database, the apparatus comprising:

means for contacting a network address of the server;
means for, in response to receipt from the server of a page offering a selection of parameters for formulating and scheduling a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to the server, selecting [the] parameters; [and]

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means for, in response to receipt from the server of a page offering a selection of parameters for formulating a scheduling another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to another server on the network, selecting parameters, and;
means for receiving the first report and the other report in accordance with the scheduling parameters.

25. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether [the] a report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

26. (Cancelled).